

Proper Recycling

Curbside Recycling in Mercer County

A Guide to Doing it right in Lawrence and Mercer Counties



What is “Curbside Recycling?”

Curbside recycling is simply having recyclables picked up at your home. It does not mean that a physical “curb” is required.

Am I required to recycle curbside?

All residents and businesses of the following municipalities are required by state and local laws to recycle curbside:

*City of Farrell,
Greenville Borough,
Grove City Borough,
City of Hermitage, and
City of Sharon.*

These are called “Mandated Municipalities.” Residents and businesses of all other Mercer County municipalities are not required to recycle curbside, but are encouraged to do so voluntarily. See “I live in a Municipality where I am not required to Recycle Curbside, but I would like to do so. What options do I have for curbside recycling?” for more information.

What can I recycle?

Most curbside recycling programs in Mercer County collect recyclables via “single stream” recycling. Single stream recycling is designed to make recycling as easy as possible for residents. All of the materials listed below can be mixed together in the same container. There is no need to separate them. The following materials are usually included in single stream recycling programs:

- #1, #2, and sometimes #5 Plastic **Bottles & Jugs**
- Aluminum **Cans**
- Steel/Tin **Cans**
- Magazines
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Newspaper
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Junk Mail

If it is not on the list - it belongs in the trash. When in doubt, throw it out or recycle it elsewhere. Acceptable materials may differ between haulers. Be sure to follow the guidelines provided by your hauler!

What are the advantages of curbside recycling over a drop-off recycling program?

Curbside Recycling is:

EASY - All materials can be mixed together in the same container.

CONVENIENT - You can do it at your own home without making a special trip to a recycling site.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY - No more using your gas to go to a recycling site. We estimate that 400,000 cars use the county recycling drop-off sites annually consuming about 48,000 gallons of fuel in the process.

There may be differences in programs depending on where you live. Always check with your recycling hauler if you have questions about your program.



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I live in a municipality where I am not required to recycle curbside, but I would like to do so. What options do I have for curbside recycling?

Some Mercer County residents that do not live in a Mandated Municipality may be able to recycle single stream curbside depending on their hauler or municipal contract. Currently, customers of Tri-County Industries are eligible to recycle curbside in many Mercer County municipalities. Call Tri-County Industries at 724-748-4705 for additional information.

What kind of recycling bin can I use for curbside recycling?

Recycling bins vary. Some haulers and municipalities will provide you with a container. You can also purchase your own container through a local hardware or department store. Wheeled containers and carts are easy to move and provide adequate room for all your recyclables. Traditional bins may be used as well.

What about Plastic Bags, Toys, Windows, etc.?

These items do not belong in your recycling bin. Plain and simple.

Plastic bags can be recycled at some local stores. Items such as plastic toys, chairs, and food containers and glass windows, ceramics, and Pyrex all go into your trash. If it is not a bottle, jug, can, or clean piece of paper, it does not belong in your bin.

Including items not listed for recycling contaminates your recyclables and significantly increases the cost because all contaminates must be removed before the material can be recycled.

What about Leaves?

All Mandated Municipalities offer leaf waste collection. Contact your municipality for details.

What about Electronics, Paint, Chemicals, Fluorescent Lights, Tires, etc?

Local options exist for these items. Check out the Lawrence-Mercer Recycling Solid Waste Department website: www.mcc.co.mercer.pa.us/recycling for information about these materials.

Recycling Hauler & Municipal Contact Information

Haulers

Allied Waste/Republic Services - 800-437-1123

Tri-County Industries - 724-748-4705

Waste Management - 800-451-3060

Municipalities

City of Farrell:	724-983-2703	www.cityoffarrell.com
Greenville Borough:	724-588-4193	www.greenvilleborough.com
Grove City Borough:	724-458-7060	www.grovecityonline.com
City of Hermitage:	724-981-0800	www.hermitage.net
City of Sharon:	724-983-3220	www.cityofsharon.net



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